

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 23, 2023 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 16:10-11

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The fifth bowl of the wrath is poured out on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom becomes full of darkness.

The physical darkness means not getting the light of the sun, moon, stars, and lamp.

The spiritual darkness is as follows:

1. Exodus 10:22

10:22. So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

The darkness in Egypt for three days means that the light of the love of God the Father (the love as the sun) does not work anymore.

The fact of living without God's love is envy, hatred without a cause, blaming at one another, *et cetera*.

2. Matthew 27:45-46,50

27:45. Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

27:46. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

27:50. And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

The darkness for three hours when Jesus died on the cross means that the light of the Son of God (the moon) does not work anymore.

The fact found in it is the finished redemption of sins. If the redemption does not exist anymore, the eye will become dark. Men live blindly, namely they walk in the darkness and commit sins up to the peak (the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage).

Matthew 6:23

6:23. "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

3. The darkness for three and a half years when the Antichrist reigns over the world. It means that the light of Holy Spirit God (the stars) does not work anymore.

Revelation 12:1

12:1. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

Meanwhile, the building of the perfect body of Christ has been done, namely the heavenly bride with the light of the sun, moon, and stars. She will be evacuated to the wilderness, far from the eyes of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Revelation 12:14

12:14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

Men in the world live in the outer darkness. They are unwilling and unable to minister and worship God, but worship the Antichrist, so they become the same as Satan.

4. The darkness that refers to the punishment of God over the throne of the beast. Actually, the punishment of the darkness is just for the beast, namely the Antichrist and Satan, not for men. But men follow Satan, so they live without the light of the sun (being in envy and hatred), the one of the moon (living in the sin), and the one of the star (worshipping the Antichrist). Consequently, they become the same as Satan, so they must receive the punishment of the darkness and pains. They

experience the deadly sores, but they cannot repent, so they must enter into the outer darkness in hell forever.

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The three things that cause men and the servant of God to enter into the darkness or the throne of Satan are as follows:

1. The wrong position in the marriage.

Proverbs 20:20

20:20. Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

Colossians 3:18

3:18. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Wife must submit to her own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord, so she can become a helper for her husband. The wife puts her husband as the head. Be watchful! Do not let wife become the head who wants to teach or have authority over man! A wife may not gore or rebel to her husband. If a wife submits to her husband, the marriage will become bright because of the throne of God that exists there.

Colossians 3:19

3:19. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

A husband must become the head of his wife. It means that he must love his wife as he loves himself. He just does the good thing to his wife, and not be bitter toward her in words or deed. Thus, a husband can become the flow of physical and spiritual life for wife and children. The marriage becomes bright because of the throne of God that exists there. If a husband does bitterly toward his wife, the marriage will become dark, so he cannot become the flow for the wife and children.

Colossians 3:21

3:21. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The parents may not provoke their children through forcing the children to do their own will that is not in line with the Word or permitting the mistake of the children. The parents must teach their children according to the Bible or the true teaching Word, namely the children's being reprov'd when they are wrong and being supported when they are true.

Colossians 3:20

3:20. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

The children must obey the physical parents at home, the spiritual ones (the true shepherd), and the heavenly ones (the true teaching Word). The obedience of the children makes the marriage become brighter and more beautiful. If the children do not obey their parents, their lamp will be put out in deep darkness [Proverbs 20:20]. It means losing heart, entering darkness, and experiencing the destruction in marriage.

Let us return to the correct position in the marriage, so our marriage becomes bright. As a result, the marriage can be righteous, holy, and one. It becomes bright and beautiful, even brighter and more beautiful up to the perfection.

2. Unwillingness to enter the narrow door.

Luke 13:22-28

13:22. And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

13:23. Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them,

13:24. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

13:25. "When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,'

13:26. "then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

13:27. "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

13:28. "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

The true teaching Word brings us to enter the narrow door up to the New Jerusalem forever. The sword and the cross

cannot be separated. The narrow door refers to the door of the sheepfold.

John 10:1,9-10

10:1. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

10:9. "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10:10. "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Unwillingness to enter the narrow doors means unwillingness to enter the sheepfold or not being shepherded, so one experiences the darkness and becomes the throne of Satan. He becomes a thief, robber, and murderer who lives in the darkness. If a shepherd is not shepherded but lives in the darkness, the sheep will be scattered.

The main duty of a shepherd is giving the healthy and true spiritual food to the sheep, so they can grow to the perfection. A shepherd must also lift up the intercession prayer for the salvation of the sheep. Be watchful! There is a hireling who is not the shepherd. He does not do the duty to feed the sheep, but takes the physical advantages from them. It is the management system to get a benefit, not ordination and have no responsibility to God.

Matthew 9:35-36

9:35. Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

9:36. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Jesus is moved with compassion because the sheep have no shepherd, so they are weary, heavy-laden, in the curse atmosphere, and scattered. It means that there is none who cares or is responsible for the salvation of their soul.

The true teaching Word encourages us to enter the narrow door, namely the one of the sheepfold (the Holy Place or the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God) as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in committing the General Service. We receive the anointing of Holy Spirit to fight against the false prophet who has the false spirit. A hireling refers to the false shepherd and prophet.

John 10:12

10:12. "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

1 John 2:27

2:27. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

1 Timothy 4:1

4:1. Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

Holy Spirit helps us to become sensitive as well as firm to distinguish between the true teaching Word and the false one. Thus, we can firmly hold fast the true teaching Word and reject the false one.

- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We receive the teaching Word and Holy Communion, so it is ingrained in our life. The Word and Holy Communion are able to purify and change us up to being the same as Jesus, the Son of God. The Antichrist is Satan who is ingrained. By the Bible Study and Holy Communion, we can obey God until the flesh does not speak anymore.

We are not greedy and stingy anymore. It means not worshipping the Antichrist.

Not being stingy means that one can give for the working of God and others who are in need. We do not steal the possession of God, but we always return the tithe and special offerings. Thus, we can fight against the Antichrist or Satan who is ingrained in men.

- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We have fellowship with God the Father in His love. We experience the love as the sun that covers many sins or mistakes. We are set free

from the sins of evil and bitterness, so we can become perfect like Jesus. We can be set free from sins by prayer service. It means that we win over Satan with the spirits of evil, uncleanness, and bitterness.

1 Peter 4:8

4:8. *And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."*

John 10:9-10

10:9. *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.*

10:10. *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

In the sheepfold, we will have life more abundantly ("*I shall not want*"). It means that God is able to take care of us abundantly in the midst of the difficulties in the world. We always give thanks to God up to being spotless like Him.

3. **Not having on a wedding garment.**

Matthew 22:11-14

22:11. *"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.*

22:12. *"So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.*

22:13. *"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

22:14. *"For many are called, but few are chosen."*

It is the same as having on the other garment as follows:

- The dirty garment, namely the sinful deeds up to the peak, sinful mind, and unfaithfulness in the ministry.

Zechariah 3:1

3:1. *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.*

- The foreign apparel, namely one seeks for an excuse to match the Word of God with the lust of the flesh although it definitely contradicts the Word. He also lies and deceives others.

Zephaniah 1:8

1:8. *"And it shall be, In the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.*

- The garment that has a leprous plague in it. It refers to the self-truth, namely the truth outside the word. One covers his sin by blaming at others and the true Word.

Leviticus 13:47

13:47. *" Also, if a garment has a leprous plague in it, whether it is a woolen garment or a linen garment,*

Matthew 22:12-13

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Jesus as the King of kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom does not punish directly, but asks first. It means that every preaching of the Bride Tidings is God's longsuffering to invite those who are weary because of the sin, problem, *et cetera*, so they can replace their garment with a wedding garment.

The attitudes to God's longsufferings are as follows:

- The negative attitude, namely being speechless. It means being arrogant, hardening his heart, and unwillingness to confess his sin but keeping the old life. Consequently, he will be cast into darkness. He suffers because of his pain and sore, but he does not repent until he is cast into the hell forever. Let us confess. Do not be speechless!
- The positive attitude is learning from Jesus on the cross to become gentle and lowly in heart when the Word is preached to show our sin. Being lowly in heart means confessing all of our sins. Do not sin anymore after being

forgiven! Jesus confesses all of our sins on the cross. Being gentle means forgiving others' sin and forgetting it like Jesus has forgiven us. The blood of Jesus will take away our sins, and He hugs us. Our heart will experience peace. We become the throne of God. It is the place where the Spirit and God's hands are hugging or working in our life indefinitely.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28. *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

11:29. *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

11:30. *"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

The results are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to give life to our mortal bodies.

Romans 8:11

8:11. *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

It means that the Spirit or God's hand is able to take care of our physical life in the midst of the difficulties of the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. Holy Spirit is able to make us healthy and take away the sins, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. Holy Spirit is also able to raise the thing that has already been dead. He takes away the impossibilities and finishes all of impossible problems in our life.

- Holy Spirit is able to change us to become the servant of God who produces fragrance. It means that we become God's witnesses in the midst of the decay and darkness of the world.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

2:14. *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*

2:15. *For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

We bring the fragrance of Christ in the Good News, so the sinners can repent and believe in Jesus. We also bring the fragrance of Christ in the Bride Tidings to bring the saved people to become more fragrant and holy up to perfection.

- Holy Spirit renews us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones. It is the same as adorning and replacing the dirty garment with the wedding one.

Titus 3:5

3:5. *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,*

Isaiah 61:10

61:10. *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

The lie is changed into honesty or confessing just the way we are; the self-truth becomes the one in God, namely we can confess and forgive one another. When Jesus comes a second time, we will be perfected. We will rejoice to greet His coming on the glorious clouds until we enter the New Jerusalem forever. The hand of Holy Spirit is able to work in us indefinitely.

God blesses us.